

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 1883 – HB 1832**

March 15, 2014

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), on or before January 1, 2015, to review all laws related to coal surface mining; compose and present legislation that enables the state to regulate such mining pursuant to the federal Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act; and apply for federal grants and other funding opportunities available to the state for regulation of coal surface mining. Authorizes the Commissioner of TDEC to promulgate rules to effectuate the purposes of this act.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$59,900/One-Time**

Assumption:

- Because coal surface mining in Tennessee is currently regulated by the federal Office of Surface Mining, TDEC states that they do not currently employ anyone with the required expertise to assist the department in meeting the requirements of the bill. As a result, TDEC will need to enter into a temporary contract with a vendor entity in order to assist the department. The one-time increase in state expenditures for such contract is estimated to be \$59,900. Such expenditures is assumed to occur in FY14-15.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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